

a therapy pad for applying a selected therapy temperature to the therapy site;

a recirculating fluid loop comprising a fluid channel defined by said therapy pad;

a pump for circulating fluid through said recirculating fluid loop;

a thermal reservoir for containing fluid;

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a heat exchanger coupling said thermal reservoir with said recirculating fluid loop, said heat exchanger replacing a selected amount of [comprising a pump for] circulating fluid with fluid from said reservoir to achieve a selected fluid temperature in [through] said recirculating fluid loop; and

a control mechanism coupled to said heat exchanger for enabling adjustable control of therapy temperature.--

REMARKS

As indicated at the top of page 1 of this response, the Attorney Docket Number for this application has changed to --08139/002001--. We kindly ask the Examiner to mark the PTO files associated with this application accordingly.

The specification has been amended to incorporate certain disclosure from the originally filed claims. Since the originally filed claims are part of the original disclosure, no new matter has been added by these amendments. MPEP § 608.01(l).

Claims 8-18 are pending.

In one aspect, recited in amended claim 8, the invention features a thermal therapy apparatus that includes a heat exchanger for replacing a selected amount of circulating